Order

Michigan Supreme Court Lansing, Michigan

January 11, 2005

Clifford W. Taylor Chief Justice

ADM File No. 2003-20

Michael F. Cavanagh Elizabeth A. Weaver Marilyn Kelly Maura D. Corrigan Robert P. Young, Jr. Stephen J. Markman Justices

Amendment of Rule 9.216 of the Michigan Court Rules

On order of the Court, the need for immediate action having been found, the notice requirements are dispensed with and the following amendment of Rule 9.216 of the Michigan Court Rules is adopted, effective immediately. MCR 1.201(D). The amendment will be considered at a future public hearing by the Court. The notices and agendas for public hearings are posted at www.courts.michigan.gov/supremecourt.

[Additions are indicated in the text that follows by underlining.]

Rule 9.216 Appearance Before Commission

When the master files the report, the commission shall set a date for hearing objections to the report. The respondent and the examiner must file written briefs at least 7 days before the hearing date. The briefs must include a discussion of possible sanctions and, except as otherwise permitted by the Judicial Tenure Commission, are limited to 50 pages in length. Both the respondent and the examiner may present oral argument at the hearing.

<u>Staff Comment</u>: The amendment of MCR 9.216 imposes a 50-page limit for briefs filed with the Judicial Tenure Commission. It reflects the page limit that the Commission currently imposes for briefs filed in Judicial Tenure Commission proceedings.

The staff comment is not an authoritative construction by the Court.

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I, CORBIN R. DAVIS, Clerk of the Michigan Supreme Court, certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the order entered at the direction of the Court.

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